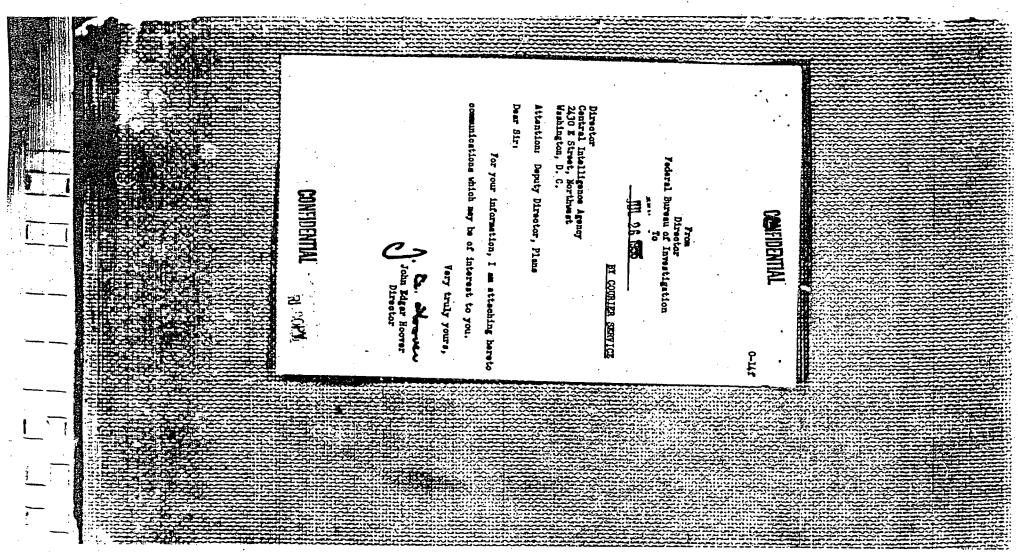
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	MARKUL interviewed 4/18/55 and 4/20/55. Background and history set out. He was in jail two years in Yugoslavia from 1926-27. He later went to Russia and was imprisoned there. In 1933 he escaped from Russia. In 1936 he came to the United States as a stowaway on a ship. In 1953 he visited Yugoslavia and talked with Marshal TTO twice and not the real JOSIP BROZ TTO but he is an impostor, and that the real JOSIP BROZ TTO but he is an impostor, and He claims further that the present Yugoslav Government has Russia callegedly controls Yugoslavia will soon be evident to everyone. MARKUL admits meeting various Yugoslav Consul Officials, but advised he has not been contacted by them										
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the Larchmont Coffee Shop at 236 North Larchmont Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, which restaurant MARKUL owns and manages. During this interview he furnished the following information which is being set out under appropriate headings.

BACKGROUND

MARKUL was born at Livno, Yugoslavia November 27, 1909. In 1926 he was arrested in Yugoslavia for trade union agitation. At this time he was a Social Democrat, but was not a Communist. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment by the Yugoslav Government. He served two years of this sentence and was in jail in 1926 and 1927. He was arrested in 1926 at the same time as ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC, now Minister of the Interior and in charge of the Yugoslav Police. MARKUL became acquainted with RANKOVIC as they spent about a week together in the same cell after being arrested. In 1930 MARKUL went to Russia and obtained employment there, and soon was arrested by the Russian Police in 1930 for failure to meet his work quota. There Police in 1930 for failure to meet his work quota. There he remained in jail in Russia until 1933. He escaped from jail in 1933 and made his way to Finland. He was arrested by the Finnish Police, turned over to the Russian Police, and then shipped to Siberia near Lake Baikal. After ten days he escaped again and made his way to Manchuria. From Harbin, Manchuria he went to Shanghai, China. From Shanghai he took a boat to Hamburg, Germany. After Shanghai he took a boat to Hamburg, Germany. After arriving in Germany he was placed in a detention camp, but he was released and went to Antwerp, Belgium. He met the Yugoslav Consul there, who arranged for him to obtain employment on a Yugoslav boat. He worked on this boat for only about a year because of poor pay and had working conditions. He then went to Germany, and from there he took a swedish toat to Bordeaux, France. This was in the winter of 1934 He then went to Spain and became a stowaway on a bost. At landing on the northern part of Spain, he was turned over to the police and spent 21 days in Jail. He was transported then to the French Border in 1935 and went to Belgium. On May 7, 1936, he became a stowaway and came to the United States, landing in New York. He came on the Konigsburg, which is a German ship. He went to Chicago, staying there until 1942. Prom1942 to 1945 he served in the United States Army and was discharged at Marysville, California, and he returned to Chicago. In 1947 he came to Los Angeles and

worked as a tool and die worker. In Pebruary, 1955, he bought the restaurant which he now owns and operates. He was naturalized as a United States citizen March 14, 1955. He served in the United States Army from October 9, 1942 to November 30, 1944, when he was honorably discharged as a corporal. His wife is INGRID KLING MARKUL, who is employed as a laboratory technician at the Los Angeles County Hospital. She is a native born American citizen.

ACTIVITIES

MARKUL vimited Yugoslavia in 1953 with his wife INGRID and stayed there five weeks. His father and three sisters live in Yugoslavia, and he desired to visit them, especially since his father is 88 years old. During this visit he met Marshal TITO and also talked with ALEXSHMARTANKCVIC, Minister of Interior and in charge of the Yugoslav Police. MARKUL savised that it appeared to his that ALEXSANDAR RANKOVIC is the real ruler of Yugoslavia. He also stated that he feels that TITO is secretly working with the USSR and has been all along. While in Yugoslavia he also saw former Ambassador to the United States KOSANOVIC, and was invited to his home; however, nothing of importance happened on his visit to KOSANOVIC.

In 1954 MARKUL attended a reception in Los Angeles for the former Ambassador to the United States, POPOVIC. MARKUL met SINISALKOSUTIC, former Yugoslav Consul assigned to San Francisco. MARKUL met him in 1953 at the Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco, at which time he discussed his proposed trip to Yugoslavia. Since then he has seen KOSUTIC several times. In July, 1954, KOSUTIC and Yugoslav Consul General BRANKO KARADJOLE visited Los Angeles. MARKUL and his wife drove to the Johathan Club in Los Angeles and picked up KARADJOLE and KOSUTIC and all went to dinner at the Nickodell Restaurant in Hollywood. At this time they discussed matters concerning the American-Yugoslav Civic Club. MARKUL was secretary of this club in July, 1954.

On September 21, 1954, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that SINISA KOSUTIC has been engaged in intelligence activities for the Yugoslav Government.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 26, 1955 advised that BRANKO KARADJOLE, Yugoslav Consul General, has been engaged in intelligence activities for the Yugoslav Government.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 8, 1954 advised the American-Yugoslav Civic Club was formed in November, 1953 in Los Angeles at the instigation of former Yugoslav Consul General, RAPOTIVANCEVIC. T-3 also stated that this club is pro-TITO, and it was formed to promote pro-TITO affairs and policies.

On September 21, 1954, T-1 advised that former Consul General RAFO IVANCEVIC was engaged in intelligence activities for the Yugoslav Government.

In July, 1954, while KARADJOLE and KOSUTIC were visiting in Los Angeles, MARKUL drove them to the Ambassador Hotel and entertained them, and recalls that he paid a bill of \$26 or \$28. He remarked that he could not afford this type of entertainment and that he told KARADJOLE he would not do it again. MARKUL claimed that he has had no contact with Yugoslav officials since this time.

On April 20, 1955, MARKUL came to the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and stated that he desired to furnish additional information concerning Marshal TITO, which information he believed was of great interest to the United States Government. He stated that he had considered giving this information to the United States State Department, but he had not done so because he felt he would not be believed. MARKUL gave the following information on April 20, 1955:

In MARKUL's opinion, Marshal TITO is not the real JOSIP BROZ TITO, but he is a Russian agent who was substituted by the Soviet Government for JOSIP BROZ in 1937, at which time the real JOSIP BROZ disappeared in Russia and is believed dead. When MARKUL visited TITO in 1953, he observed that TITO had five fingers on each hand, whereas the real JOSIP BROZ TITO had two fingers missing, the middle and forefinger of the left hand. The real JOSIP BROZ did not play the piano whereas Marshal TITO played the piano well. The real JOSIP BROZ was about 5'11" in height, and the present TITO is 5'4" or 5'5". The real JOSIP BROZ was

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not well educated, and had a different manner in speaking from present Marshal TTO. The real JOSIP BROZ had tuberculosis and was thin. He disappeared in 1937 when he was in Russia, and according to MARKUL, has not been seen since and is believed dead. The present Marshal TITO appears to be well educated and he speaks with a Russian accent. MARKUL said he had seen the real JOSIP BROZ in 1928 and again in 1936. He last saw him in 1936 in Paris, France in January or February.

After talking with Marshal TTO in Yugoslavia in 1953, he visited with ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC, the present Minister of Interior, and talked with him for about four hours. MARKUL said that he was an old acquaintance of RANKOVIC and so he could talk freely with him. He told RANKOVIC that the present TTO is an impostor and that he knew it and RANKOVIC them told him not to talk about this matter but to enjoy his visit and not to concern himself with things that were none of his business. RANKOVIC told him not to talk about this matter, and he then offered his card to MARKUL and told him to show it only if he got into trouble; however, MARKUL refused to accept it.

MARKUL, then visited his sister, AMMA MARKUL, (now has, BORTS-CORIC) in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. He explained that both his sister and his sister's husband, BORTS-CORIC, are doctors. During this visit to Mrs. BORTS CORIC and her husband, he was asked to attend another reception for IT TO at Zagreb, and he did so.

visiting TITO the second time, he again conferred with ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC for two hours. RAHKOVIC did not ask him about himself but asked him about ANDREWARJUKOVIC, former Minister of Justice, whom the Yugoslav Government is trying to extradite from the United States to stand trial in Yugoslavia for alleged war orimes. RAHKOVIC said he dould not understand why the American Government allowed AR TUKOVIC to remain in the United States, and MARKUL said the American Government gives the accused a fair trial,

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which is not the case in Yugoslavia. MARKUL said that at the second reception he attended for Marshal IT TO there were about 80 people present, and he observed present at this reception a Yugoslav from Los Angeles named MATH KOVACEVIC, a Los Angeles real estate dealer who is prominent in Yugoslav circles. MARKUL also saw at this reception an old man from Cleveland, Ohio, called "CHRIS TO," and who is active in some organization known as the "SPJ."

After this reception was over and he returned to his sister's home in Tagreb, his sister, Mrs. GORIC, asked him what he thought about Harshal IT TO and when he explained to them his idea that IT TO is an impostor, his sister said that she and her husband concur in his belief and that many people have the same notion. They went on to state that when Marshal ITTO talked on the radio some five or six years ago, they noticed that he had a Russian accent, and that his voice was different from that of JOSIP BROZ, who they stated disappeared in 1937. MARKUL's father worked in the same town with JOSIP BROZ, who was a machinist, and his father stated that the present ITTO is not identical with the JOSIP BROZ who was secretary of the CP in Yugoslavia prior to 1937.

According to MARKUL, the Russian Government actually controlled Yugoslavia and has for many years. He predicted that there would be an open break between Yugoslavia and the United States before four or five months have passed, and that Yugoslavia will be openly on the side of Russia. He stated that the so-called split between Russia and Yugoslavia was a maneuver designed to fool the Western Powers so that they would give aid to Yugoslavia. According to MARKUL, the Yugoslavia people hate ITTO, and will throw him out it they ever get an opportunity.

MARKUL said that he noticed many Russian plain clothed Secret Police loitering in various public places such as restaurants. He advised he was able to spot them because he had spent a number of years in the Soviet Union. According to MARKUL, the information about TITO being an impostor can be confirmed by a friend of his, Doctor ZITKO ADPALOVICH, who lives at the following address: TAV. du ky Corpe, Hyeres-Var, Prance. MARKUL said that Doctor

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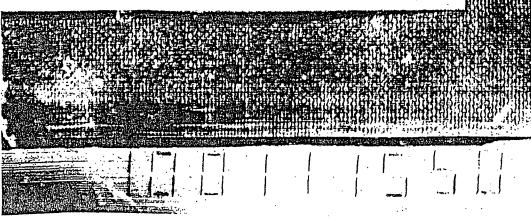
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TOPALOVICH, who is a Socialist, know the real TITO well. Doctor TOPALOVICH has been sentenced to serve twenty years imprisonment by the Yugoslav Qovernment so he cannot return to Yugoslavia. He has been accused by the Yugoslav Qovernment of being an American and British Intelligence agent. Doctor TOPALOVICH has written MARKUL that he believes the present TITO is actually a Russian general named MIKOLAI LEBEDEV (ph.). Doctor TOPALOVICH was on the military staff of General MIHALLOVIC at bise time, and he conferred with General MIKOLAI LEBEDEV. MIHALLOVIC gained the impression that this General MIKOLAI LEBEDEV was a trained Communist leader, not primarily a military man. MIHALLOVIC also had occasion to see the real JOSIP BROZ, so hews in a position to know whether or not the present Marshal TITO is identical with JOSIP BROZ.

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According to MARKUL, Doctor TOPALCYICH is a reliable individual who has spoken on the Voice of America program in France. MARKUL observed that if the Soviet Government had wanted to remove Marshal TITO, it could have done so at any time because it has many agents in Yugoslavia.

MARKUL stated that he has carefully read the biography of Marshal TITO by VLADIMIR DEDIJER, and he has noted many important discrepancies in this book which would support his claim that TITO is an impostor. He pointed out that in 1937 and 1936 a great purge occurred in Russia, and that many of the people were ruthlessly liquidated by STALIN, and that many trusted Communist Party (CP) leaders were liquidated at this time. He pointed out that in 1937 a number of Yugoslav Communist functionaries were in Hussia, and that it is known that many of them were liquidated. He further pointed out that TITO is merely a party alias of JOSIF BROZ, and it is not a family name.

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MARKUL advised that he was Trustee and Secretary of the American-Yugoslav Civic Club, but he quit this organization in August, 1954, because he felt this organization was spending too much money entertaining Yugoslav officials, and that he did not like some of its officers. He advised that he is a member of Lodge 177 of the Croatian Praternal Union. He called himself a Socialist Democrat, and

states that he admires NORMAN THOMAS very much. He stated that he has never been a Communist, and further, he admires the United States Government and that he is entirely loyal to the United States Government and is willing to help it in important matters.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 5, 1955, that the Croatian Fraternal Union of America (CPU) with national offices at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a bona fide fraternal insurance organization which has been incorporated to conduct an insurance business in many parts of the United States.

The bulk of the CFU membership is loyal to the United States Government, but pro-Communist delegates elected several of their candidates to the Supreme Board of Directors at the Seventh National CFU Convention in 1947 and were successful in electing their entire slate, composed of CP members and sympathizers, at the Eighth National CFU Convention held in Los Ingeles, California, September 17-25, 1951.

Since the 1951 Convention, the Supreme Board of the CPU, which consists of thirteen members, has split into two rival factions. Eleven of the Supreme Board members have joined with MARTINIARSIC, leader of the pro-Communist faction, while one member has followed the leadership of V. I. MANDICH, the Supreme President who, since the 1951 Convention, has aligned himself with the anti-Communist element in the CFU.

The MARTH KRASIC group is composed of CP members, pro-Russian sympathizers and opportunists.

T-j, supra, on December 17, 1954, advised that Lodge 177 of the CFU has about 600 members. Pro-Cominform Yugoslavs have endeavored to get control of this Lodge, but they have not been successful. There are some pro-Cominform Yugoslavs in the Lodge and some pro-TI TO Yugoslavs and some who are anti-TI TO and anti-Cominform.

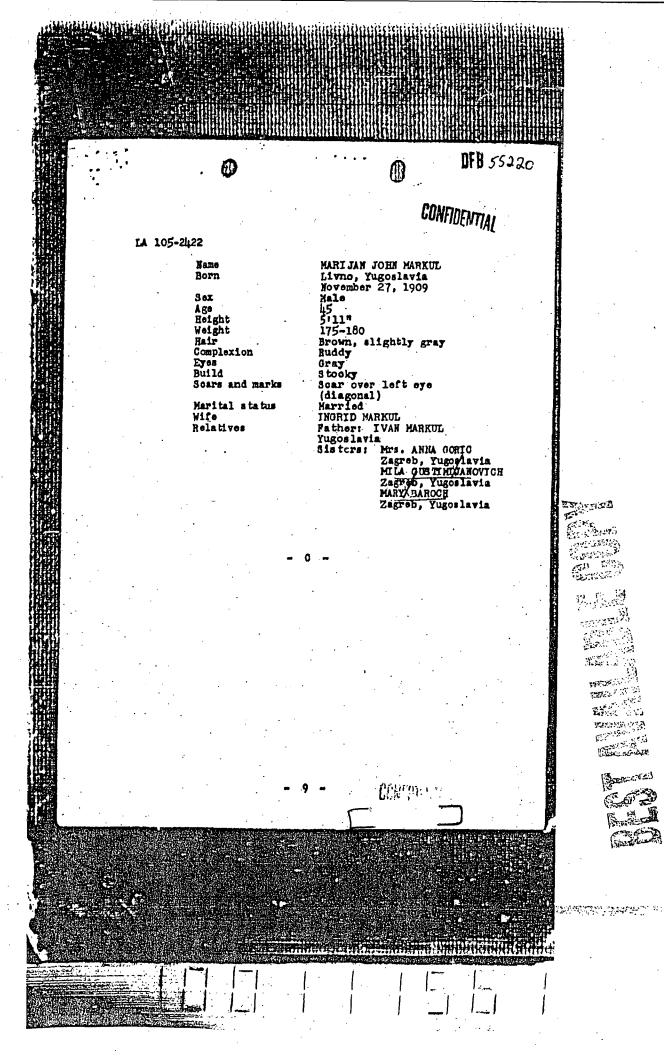
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